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Primett helps tobacco grow

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

This year there is a new tobacco sucker control material on the market called Primett. It is not related to MH. The manufacturer says it gives season long control and is 90 to 100 percent effective. A full registration is pending, but expected in time for use this summer. Directions call for the use of a contact chemical at the recommended time to control early suckers and provide for a more uniform crop. Then 3 to 5 days later apply primett. Final topping can be done before or after Primett application. Use 3-4 quarts per acre.

Royal MH-30SG is a new formulation of MH-30. SG means soluble granules. On flue, burley or Maryland type tobacco, apply 4 to 5 pounds of Royal MH-30SG in 40 to 50 gallons of water per acre. For dark tobacco apply one pound Royal MH-30-SG per 1000 plants, do not exceed 7.5 pounds per acre.

Whatever pesticide or growth retardant used–Read the label.

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Va. Tech plant pathologist tells me that powdery mildew is the most frequently found disease in this year's wheat crop. Weather conditions have been nearly ideal for its development. It appears to be worse under high nitrogen fertility. The most susceptible varieties are Coker 747, Pioneer S-76 and McNair 1003.

In Eastern Virginia viruses are fairly heavy on wheat. If you have small grain plants with apparent disease problems, collect the top three leaves from five or more wheat plants, flatten them in a magazine for 24 hours, then let us have them.

This year, wheat spindle streak mosaic, which is caused by a virus, is found widely. There is no treatment–select a resistant wheat variety. Susceptible varieties include: McNair 1003, Coker 762, Coker 747, Wheeler Potomac, Severn and Pioneer S-76. Resistant varieties include: Feland, Tyler and Massey.

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Expect sod webworms to peak in their activity early to mid June. Do not treat when you see the adults! Wait 10-15 days; then apply an insecticide to the lawn.

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Curled Dock in alfalfa is a major problem. There is no control of mature plants. Control should be accomplished while the alfalfa is a rotation crop. 2,4-DB can be used on seedling dock but even here, results are mixed.

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There's a new sweet potato called Resisto that's recently been released that carries a unique combination of resistance to disease and insect pests, has high yield and excellent baking and canning quality.

It is resistant to internal cork, fusarium wilt, southern root-knot nematode, wireworm, southern potato wireworm, tobacco wireworm, banded cucumber beetle, spotted cucumber beetle, elongated flea beetle, sweet potato flea beetle, two species of white grubs and moderately resistant to sweet potato weevil. Resisto is intermediately susceptible to sclerotial blight and like Jewel and Centennial, susceptible to pox or soil rot.

Resisto has a reddish copper skin, dark orange flesh, moderate vine length. Flowers are frequently observed in the field. Yields are equivalent to Jewel, but with fewer oversize roots and stores well.

Seed should be available for 1984.

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If your farm drains into the James River Watershed (located North on U.S. 460), and you are a PIK participant, you are eligible to participate in the Filter Strip Incentive Program. The filter strip must be at least 12 feet wide and average 20 feet wide. The sign up period is May 15-July 15. Participants are paid 10 cents per linear foot to plant and maintain the grass filter. This is a 3-year program and payments are distributed over a period of three years. If both sides of a flowing stream are treated, the payment is doubled. The program is designed to improve water quality and protect streams from an influx of pesticides, eroded soil, fertilizer and micro-organism. Sign up at the ASCS Office.

THE APPOMATTOX SENIOR FFA teams placed second in both divisions of the recent Hub Federation Crops Contest held at Brookville High School. Team members are (from left) Bob Poole, Cecil Jacobs, Le Moore, Kenneth McClenny and James Cash. McClenny was named the first place winner in the individual competition at the event.

ASCS Today

Wheat program input sought by government

By TOM CONRAD

USDA Requests Comments on 1984 Wheat Program - The Department of Agriculture recently asked for public comment on possible provisions of the 1984 wheat program. The deadline for comment is June 6.

Although the statutory deadline for announcing the 1984 wheat program is Aug. 15, the department plans to give details well in advance of that date to allow farmers additional time to make program decisions.

The public's recommendations and the most current data on U.S. and world crop conditons, supply and demand will be studied before any final decisions are made.

Comments are requested on:

--the loan and purchase prices, the target price and national program acreage.

--whether USDA should establish an acreage reduction or a set-aside program and, if so, the percentage of acreage adjustment.

--whether there should be a payment-in-kind program and, if so, the provisions of the program.

--whether USDA should establish a voluntary acreage reduction and, if so, the level of such a reduction.

--provisions governing allowance of haying, grazing and conservation usage of set-aside acreage.

--a land diversion program and payment for land diversion.

--offsetting compliance requirements for an acreage reduction program.

--methods for determing 1984 crop acreage bases for wheat.

The Department has also asked for comments on provisons for a farmer-owned reserve, commodity eligibility, premium discounts, the establishment of county rates and all other provisions necessary to carry out a loan and purchase program for wheat.

Comments should be sent to the Director, Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013. Comments will be available for public inspection in that room during regular business hours.

USDA Issues Interim Rule Amending Burley Tobacco Regulations - The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently amended several regulations governing the burley tobacco marketing quota program. These amendments are designed to carry out the NO NET Cost Tobacco Program Act of 1982.

According to Everett Rank, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the regulations provide that:

--Beginning with the 1983 crop, producers will be subject to a penalty for marketing burley tobacco produced on a farm which is ineligible for price support because the farm operator or other producer on the farm has not agreed to contribute to the no net cost tobacco account. The penalty per pound will be equal to 75 percent of the preceding marketing year's average market price per pound for burley tobacco.

--If a marketing quota penalty is assessed, a lien in favor of the United States will be in effect until the penalty is paid on the tobacco with regard to which the penalty is assessed and on any other tobacco subject to marketing quotas in which the person who is liable for the penalty has an interest.

--If a claim for marketing quota penalty has been filed by USDA agains the lessor or seller, then a lease or sale of quota will not be approved by the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee until the claim is satisfied or the lease or sale proceeds are applied against the claim.

The interim rule was published in the April 22 Federal Register and copies are available in county ASCS offices.

Written comments will be accepted until June 21 by director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, USDA/ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comments will be available for public inspection in room 3750 of USDA's South Building during regular business hours.

C. A. Childress named to AAA

Clinton A. Childress of Pamplin has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

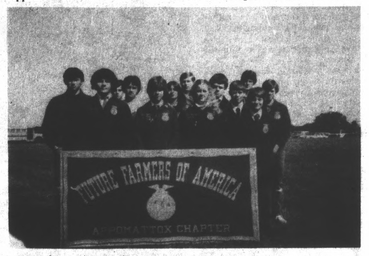
The American Angus Association, with some 38,000 active life and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 10 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

Cat Ballowe elected new FFA president

Cathryn (Cat) Ballowe was elected president of the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter in elections held last week at the high school. Cat will be a junior next school year and will assume leadership of the 200 member organization from retiring president, Glen McClenny. Cat has been an active member of FFA, participating in several federation and state contests and activities. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ballowe of Appomattox.

Other officers elected to the team include Cecil Jacobs, 1st vice-president) Lisa Coleman, 2nd vice-president; Lynn Padgett, secretary; Timmy Almond, treasurer; Larry Harris, reporter; Le Moore, sentinel; Todd Pickett, historian; Curtis Moore, chaplain; Howard Anderson, executive committee chairman; and James Cash, Kevin Kidd and David O'Brien, executive committee members. Chapter advisors are J. L. Burcher, A. H. Carter, J. W. Morgan and B. K. Waddell.



NEW FFA members include (from left) Todd Pickett, Cecil Jacobs, Larry Harris, James Cash, Cat Ballowe, Lynn Padgett, Timmy Almond, Lisa Coleman, Curtis Moore, David O'Brien, Le Moore, Kevin Kidd, Howard Anderson.

New officers elected for area Hokie Club

The Appomattox, Buckingham, and Charlotte Court House Hokie Club met Thursday night, May 19, at the Appomattox County High School and elected new officers. The 1983-84 officers are as follows: Scott D. Dawson - President, Appomattox; Shirley Walton - Vice President, Appomattox; Gordon Baldwin - Secretary-Treasurer, Buckingham.

Bill Matthews, assistant athletic director at Va. Tech, was the main speaker. Mr. Matthews discussed how far Virginia Tech has come in the recent years in improving the overall athletic program. He also pointed out how close Virginia Tech is to becoming a top-twenty competitor in football and basketball. The Student Aid Office was represented by John Moody who presented several awards for previous member drives. Top honors went to Jim Nolen who received a stadium blanket and an attractive silver platter. Congratulations was given to Jim Nolen for his effort in obtaining new members. The meeting was closed with a highlight film of last year's football season. Another honored guest was 91-year-old Rowlette Bruce from Buckingham. Mr. Bruce is a member of the graduating class of 1915.

Tuesday, May 24, the Hokie Club began a two-week membership drive. Club President Scott Dawson encourages everyone who has an interest in Tech sports to join the Hokie Club and join the winning team. Anyone can join. Being a Virginia Tech graduate is not a requirement to be a member. Call Scott Dawson (352-7032) for additional information.

Local FFA deemed best

The Appomattox County Senior FFA Chapter has been judged area winner of the 1983 FFA Chapter Contest. In selecting the area winner, the committee considered the accomplishments of 43 local chapters in the 17-county area.

The Appomattox County Senior FFA chapter has 192 active members. In cooperation with other school and community organizations, the chapter conducted an outstanding Building Our American Communities Program.

The chapter conducted a hunter safety course; offered pesticide applicator course; sponsored a pig chain and co-op seed sale; conducted a game law contest, and sponsored a parent-member banquet.

The chapter's accomplishments will be considered along with those of four other area winners for the state award. Presentation of the state award will be a feature of the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg, June 14-17.

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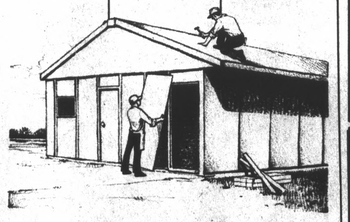

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Chorale to perform

The Appomattox County Chorale and Chorus will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

The chorus under the direction of Steve Lawrence will feature popular tunes such as "Truly", "Moon River", and "Just Once."

The chorale presentation will include pop and jazz music and will feature choreography created by Sandra Anders and Mike McCoy.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Three named to JMU list

Three area students have been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University for the spring semester of the 1982-83 academic year.

David R. Caldwell, Deborah L. Lawson, and Susan A. Smith, all of Appomattox, earned a spot on the JMU Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

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Puckett completes training

Airman 1st Class Darrell W. Puckett, son of Herman J. and Jean R. Puckett of Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for personal affairs specialist at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course learned procedures to assist active duty and retired airmen with their service benefits, social security, insurance, estate planning & retirement. They also earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Puckett will now serve at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., with the 90th Combat Support Group.

The airman is a 1982 graduate of Lynchburg College, Va.

L.C. graduates noted

Miss Mary Frances Dyess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dyess, Sr., Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va., received the B.S. degree from Lynchburg College on May 14. She majored in nursing.

While a student at LC, Miss Dyess has been a member of the Cardinal Key Sorority, the Lynchburg College Student Nursing Association and the LC Fencing Team. She is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Miss Barbara Wenning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Wenning, Route 2, Concord, Virginia, has received the B.A. degree with a major in English from Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., on May 14.

Mrs. Rebecca M. Fox, Route 4, Appomattox, was awarded the B.S. degree with a major in nursing from Lynchburg College on May 14.

Jay Randall Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Franklin, Jr., Rt. 1, Spout Spring, Va., was awarded the B.A. degree with a major in business administration.

Charlie Carroll Williamson, Rt. 4, Appomattox, was awarded the Master of Business Administration degree from Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., on May 14.

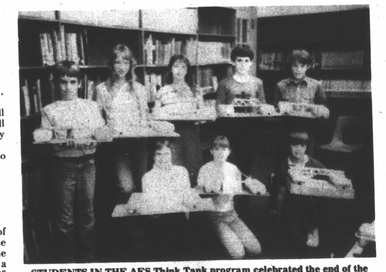
Jerry Gene Kendrick, Rt. 3, Appomattox, a member of the August class at Lynchburg College, participated in the Commencement ceremonies held at the college Saturday, May 14.

It is traditional at the college for the August class to participate in the May ceremonies. Kendrick is completing the requirements for the B.A. degree with a major in business administration.

Williamson on honor roll

Lisa Williamson's name was inadvertantly omitted from the list of Appomattox County High School students who earned a placed on the honor roll during the last school grading period.

Lisa, a freshman, made the "A" honor roll at the high school.



STUDENTS IN THE AES Think Tank program celebrated the end of the school year with a Bridge Convention. Pictured above are fifth graders holding their bridge. (l to r, back row) Dusty Wilhoit, Kathy Chambers, Cindy Padgett, Daryl Dawson, Dean Nash (l to r, front row) Laura Bradley, Jennie Notestein, Nathan Gregory. The students were to use only egg cartons, glue, tooth picks, clay and string. Bridges were deemed successful if a match box car could go across. The students have been involved in a study of bridges. Emphasis has been on rigidity of structure, strength of structure, types of bridges, famous bridges and a study of early history bridges. Nearly 50 bridges were on display in the AES library.

SS meeting scheduled

The Southern States Cooperative Local Annual Membership Meeting for Coleman and Sons, Inc. will be held July 20, 1983.

The decision was made by local farmer-members at a recent annual meeting planning conference held May 12, 1983.

Among the features of this year's annual meeting will be reports on operations of both Southern States Cooperative and the local dealer for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1983. The Southern States presentation will show how farmers and their employees have worked together cooperatively for over six decades to meet agriculture's needs and challenges.

In addition there will be elections, or reports on elections and other business matters.

Attending the planning conference were Ronald and Dan Coleman, co-managers of Coleman and Sons, Inc., and G. Maxey Slaten, a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional office staff at Richmond.

Also at the session were the following members of the local Board and Farm Home Advisory Committee: Dennis W. Drinkard, Hunt Hamilton, Roy T. Bennett, Archer Webb, B. C. Massey, Mrs. T. W. Harrison, Mrs. Cliff Plunkett and Mrs. E. Carter Martin.

Hist. Soc. wants artifacts

The Appomattox County Historical Society is asking that county citizens search their attics for letters, artifacts, etc., dated 1845 to 1900 that they might be willing to donate to the museum, according to a spokesman for the society.

If you have anything of this nature that you would like to donate to the museum, please call Cecil Crawley at 352-7671 or Minerva Kepler at 352-7510.

AES library open this summer

We are pleased to announce that the AES library will be open for parents and students during the summer.

SCHEDULE

June 17	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	July 8	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
July 1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	July 15	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		July 22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		July 24	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		July 29	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		August 5	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
		August 12	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Firemen to gather near here in July

Howard Campbell, president of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department, recently announced plans for the 28th Annual "Southside Virginia Firemen Association" Convention and Contest, which will be held in Farmville, VA, at the "Firemen Sports Arena", on July 23, 1983.

The program will begin with registration starting at 8 a.m. The convention will commence at 9:00 a.m. with memorial services followed by the annual business meeting, which will include the election of new officers.

The annual event is sponsored by the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Phil Gay, of Farmville, would like to extend a special invitation to the public to attend the parade which commences at 1:00 p.m., and to watch the contests which will start after the parade is completed.

Area firemen from approximately 40 Southside Virginia departments will compete in the contests.

Chief Gay said, "We hope to have one of the best events ever. Our men are working hard making plans so that everyone will have a full day. The firemen are selling ads to help defray our expenses."

The event is free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair and spend an afternoon with the firemen.

Pickett serves as tutor

Southside Virginia Community College students, Jonathan L. Pickett, Mary Ann Neal, David W. Cooper, James E. Hudgins, Jr. and Linda R. Conner have served as peer tutors for algebra students at SVCC's John H. Daniel Campus in Keysville this year.

Under the direction of SVCC math instructor Sharon H. Dunn, these sophomores have tutored 12 to 20 students each quarter in the peer tutoring program.

Pickett plans to transfer to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to major in wildlife science after graduating from SVCC this June.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Pickett of Appomattox.

Museum opening slated

The Appomattox County Historical Society Museum, located in the old jail building on Court Street in the Court House Square, will be opening on Thursday, June 2. The museum will be open each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, staffed entirely by volunteers.

Retired school teachers will serve as guides in the schoolroom. Historical Society members will act as guides elsewhere in addition to any interested individuals.

The Appomattox Garden Club members will provide flower arrangements.

Museum hours are from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and there is no charge. Anyone desiring to offer their services may do so by calling Minerva Kepler at 352-7510.

Monigold completes training

Pvt. Mike A. Monigold, son of Bobby G. and Margaret J. Monigold of Route 4, Appomattox, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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